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ELLE GOES OUT

A cocktail for charity; where to wear a flat cap; Barfly's party month

ELLESPOTS

This month we've been hanging out at...

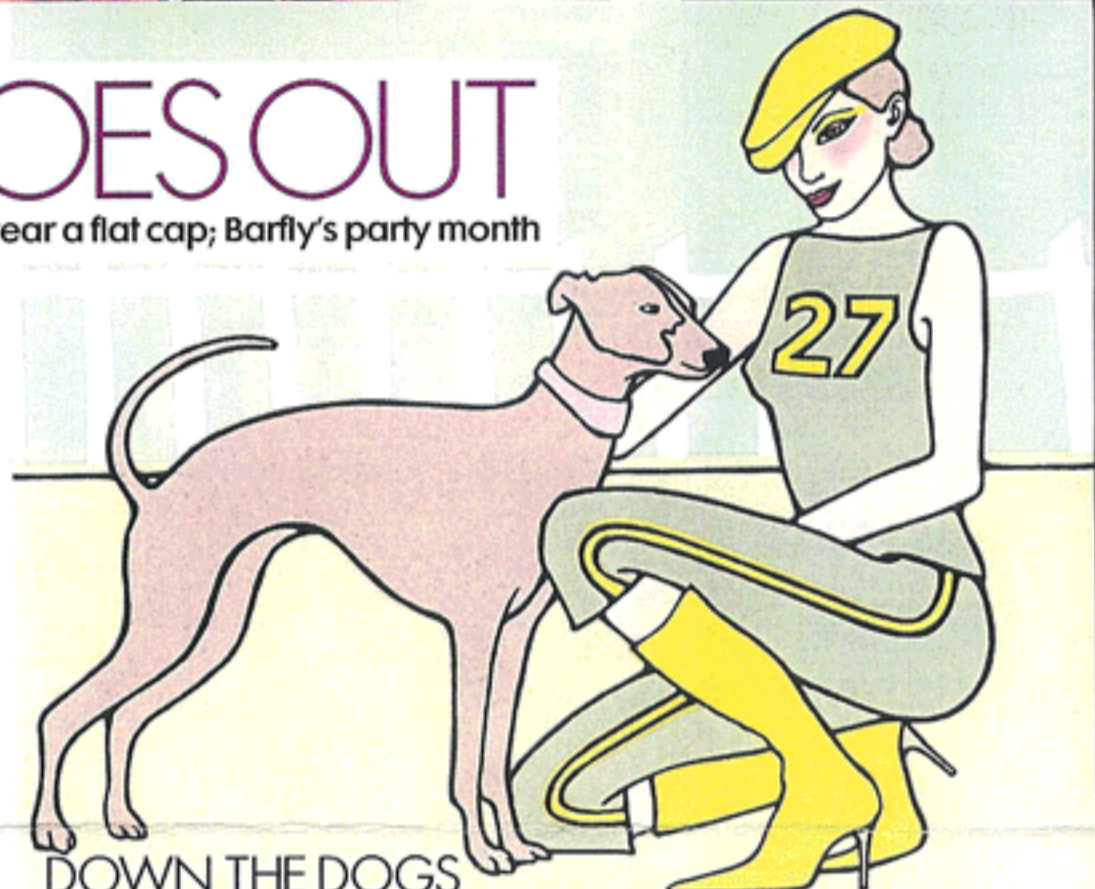
BABYLON, The Roof Gardens, 99

Kensington High Street, London W8 5ED. Tel (020) 7368 3993

This well-established roof-top zone has just had a chic refurb and, as well as glass wall-to-glass wall views, the food is great. There's lots of caramelising and glazing of corn-fed things, which we like, plus three fab British desserts - a mini summer pudding, a tiny trifle and a Granny Smith sorbet. Pricey though.

MAO Tai, 96 Draycott Avenue, London SW3 3AD. Tel (020) 7225 2500

Just a few dainty steps from Brompton Cross, this Contemporary Chinese is the perfect place to park your Joseph bags for a restorative plate of salt and pepper squid, wok-flashed vegetables and glass noodles.



DOWN THE DOGS

With working class chic so big, where's the best place to sport your Bottega Veneta flat cap? Down the dogs, of course. The look's perfect, but how do you pull off the rest of the evening with aplomb? Susannah Osborne goes trackside

THE AIM OF THE GAME

Six dogs race around a 465-metre track trying to catch a hare.

WHAT TO SAY

That's a tall dog: a sound bet.

Don't take the coffin box:

avoid trap number four - tactically it's the worst.

I'll have a pound on the nose: a straight bet to win.

I'll have a tenner on the top:

a straight bet on the first trap - tactically the best.

WHAT NOT TO SAY

Come on the hare.

NEED TO KNOW

The form refers to the history of the dog, from who its dad was to how it ran last week.

The Tote is a betting system where everyone's bets are pooled with a share going to the

winners. It's good if you'd rather not have a flutter with a bookie (and receive his fixed odds).

ANY OTHER ACCESSORIES?

Keep your eyes on your dogs with a pair of Gucci binoculars - these canine mean machines run up to 40 mph.

For information on the nearest dog track to you, visit www.thedogs.co.uk



COCKTAIL OF THE MONTH

LAVENDER MARTINI

Henry Besant, mixologist at the Sanderson hotel, has devised an evocative cocktail in honour of The Lavender Trust. The charity, which is dedicated to providing information to young women affected by breast cancer, will receive £4.50 from each sold.

30ml Seriously vodka

10ml Stolichnaya

Raspberry vodka

10ml Stolichnaya Vanilla

vodka

10ml Parfait Amour violet liqueur

Shake all with ice and a bunch of fresh lavender and strain into a martini glass. Garnish with a stem of fresh lavender.

The Sanderson, 50 Berners Street, London W1T 3NG.

Tel (020) 7300 9500. Cocktail available until February 2002

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BARFLY

The bug about town does art, then goes to the pictures...

Barfly slipped on her sequined 80s batwing and spike heels to look in on the launch of the Steven Meisel exhibition at the White Cube. But all that harsh gallery-space light did the fashion crowd no favours - all the A-listers were looking decidedly ropery. A flat-capped Stella McCartney hung with a dischevelled Kate Hudson while Donatella 'just-back-from-her-holidays' Versace schmoozed with Lady Vicky, Rupert Everett and Liz 'I-could-do-with-more-sleep' Hurley. With all underwhelmed eyes on the A-list turnout, everyone had their backs to the art (nice pics, Steve). Or perhaps the miserable faces had more to do with the distinct lack of drinks and snacks?

• From art to pictures, Barfly had a ball at the after-premiere bash for Brit film

Lucky Break at Scandinavian hotspot Baltic. James Nesbitt invited his Cold Feet cronies John Thomson and Hermione Norris along while Stephen Fry added luvvie cachet. All of them gorged on Latvian lager, blinis and smoked salmon but just as Barfly was enquiring whether James Nesbitt preferred the fishballs or the polish sausage, a whole tray of raspberry martinis went flying. Fortunately they matched his hot pink shirt perfectly so no harm done. Disaster struck again moments later when the spectacular waterfall feature sprung a

leak and your lady bug, not wanting to get involved in the mop up, was forced to flee upstairs to the chill-out room where Lennie James and family were holding court in a kind of mini-Notting Hill Carnival. Skot!

